

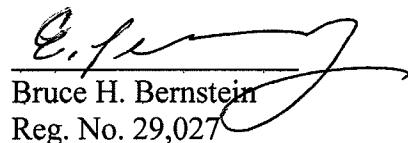
submit that it appears that if the Examiner were to perform a search for the embodiment of Species I, there would not be a serious burden in examining the embodiment of Species II-V.

Because the search of each of the inventions would be coextensive, at least for the reasons discussed supra, it would be no serious burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims in the application. For this reason, and consistent with office policy as set forth in MPEP § 803, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the Election of Species Requirement.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the Election of Species Requirement in this application is improper and it is respectfully requested that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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